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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions
and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

16. (New) An apparatus for enclosing an air bag on a
steering wheel of a vehicle having a horn, said apparatus
comprising:

a cover wall having a tear seam along which said
cover wall ruptures in response to inflation of the air bag to
enable deployment of the air bag; and

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a horn switch including first and second overlying
layers of electrically conductive material, said first layer
including a first portion with a first tear line aligned with
said tear seam in said cover wall, said second layer including
a second portion which is spaced apart from said first portion
and which has a second tear line aligned with said tear seam
in said cover wall, said second tear line being spaced apart
from said first tear line along a line extending along said
first and second tear lines, said horn switch being rupturable

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along said first and second tear lines upon inflation of the air bag.

17. (New) An apparatus for enclosing an air bag on a steering wheel of a vehicle having a horn, said apparatus comprising:

a cover wall having a tear seam along which said cover wall ruptures in response to inflation of the air bag to enable deployment of the air bag; and

a horn switch including first and second overlying layers of electrically conductive material, said first layer including a first portion with a first tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second layer including a second portion which is spaced apart from said first portion and which has a second tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second tear line being spaced apart from said first tear line along a line extending along said first and second tear lines, said horn switch being rupturable along said first and second tear lines upon inflation of the air bag,

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said first and second tear lines having a combined length less than the length of said tear seam in said cover wall.

18. (New) An apparatus for enclosing an air bag on a steering wheel of a vehicle having a horn, said apparatus comprising:

a cover wall having a tear seam along which said cover wall ruptures in response to inflation of the air bag to enable deployment of the air bag; and

a horn switch including first and second overlying layers of electrically conductive material, said first layer including a first portion with a first tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second layer including a second portion which is spaced apart from said first portion and which has a second tear line aligned with said tear seam in said cover wall, said second tear line being spaced apart from said first tear line along a line extending along said first and second tear lines, said horn switch being rupturable

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along said first and second tear lines upon inflation of the
air bag,

 said horn switch including an envelope of
 electrically insulating material extending around said first
 and second layers of electrically conductive material, said
 envelope including a first portion extending around said first
 portion of said first layer and including a second portion
 which is spaced from said first portion and which extends
 around said second portion of said second layer.